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SUBJ: SWEDISH CONCERN OVER ROMANIAN ESPIONAGE

- 1. SWEDISH FIRST SECRETARY ERIK BELFRAGE CALLED ON CHARGE MORNING 15 OCT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM STOCKHOLM TO ASCERTAIN WHAT OUR EXPERIENCE HAD BEEN IN PAST WITH GOR WITH RESPECT TO REMOVAL OF ROMANIAN DIPLOMATS FROM U.S. HE SAID THAT BASED "IN PART" ON INFORMATION FROM ROMANIAN DIPLOMAT-DEFECTOR TIPANUT GOS HAD DECIDED "ONE OR MORE" ROMANIAN DIPLOMATS IN STOCKHOLM NEEDED TO BE PROMPTLY AND PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM SWEDISH SCENE. DILEMMA FOR SWEDES, ACCORDING TO BELFRAGE, IS DECIDING BEST WAY TO ACCOMPLISH DEED.
- 2. BELFRAGE SPECIFICALLY WANTED TO KNOW IF IN RECENT YEARS WE HAD DECLARED ANY ROMANIAN DIPLOMATS PERSONA NON GRATA, AND IF SO HAD GOR RETALIATED. CHARGE REPORTED

THAT HE UNABLE RECALL ANY RECENT INSTANCES OF PNG ACTIVITY BY EITHER GOVERNMENT. NOTED PROBLEM A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO OF ROMANIAN INVOLVEMENT IN INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE IN U.S., BUT OBSERVED THIS HANDLED "QUIETLY AND INFORMALLY"

BY USG. THERE WAS NO SUBSEQUENT RETALIATION BY GOR. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. IN RESPONSE TO BELFRAGE'S QUERY (WHICH HE CLAIMED STOCKHOLM HAD ASKED FOR) CONCERNING HIS PERSONAL JUDGMENT OF WHAT GORAOS REACTION WOULD BE TO PUBLIC PNG ACTION BY GOS, CHARGE SAID HE THOUGHT IT PROBABLE GOR WOULD FEEL FORCED TO RETALIATE. IN ANSWER TO FOLLOW-UP QUESTION OFFERED PERSONAL VIEW GOR WOULD FEEL UNDER MUCH LESS PRESSURE TO REACT IF MATTER HANDLED IN NONWIPUBLIC, LESS FORMAL MANNER.
- 4. BELFRAGE SAID HE UNDER TIGHT TIME FRAME TO RESPOND TO STOCKHOLM AND HE INFERRED FROM THIS THAT ACTION MIGHT BE IMMINENT.IOIETS

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